



6685 Coolidge Highway
Troy, MI 48098-1943
248.524.3567



Nature Center Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Saturday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Sunday	12 noon - 5 pm

Admission \$1/person, Annual Pass available.

Holiday Closures:

Thanksgiving Day - Nov 26
Christmas - December 24, 25
New Years - December 31-January 1

The Stage Nature Center is a 100-acre facility operated by the City of Troy Parks and Recreation Department. In addition to our scheduled programs, the interpretive center and trails are open during posted hours. Come and enjoy our new exhibits, climbing boulders, children's nature area and the mastodon discovery dig site.

Let the Stage Nature Center be your gateway to the natural world! There are more than two miles of nature trails for you to enjoy, winding through meadows, forest, and stream. These trails are for **walking only**, please leave bikes in the bike rack near the parking lot. Jogging, pets, and collecting are not allowed.

"Our mission is to create passion for, and knowledge of, the natural world in the hearts and minds of our citizens, which will lead to increased understanding, and stewardship of our natural environment."

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Design your own hike with a Scavenger Hunt! Available at the front desk, during regular business hours for \$3. Return it completed for a prize! Designed for ages 3-adult.

Mistletoe 'n' Moonlight

At Cattail Cove Nature Shop

Tuesday, November 17

4-9 pm

Bonus:

20% off all purchases for annual pass holders this night only!!

Open to everyone. We will have a play area for the kids.

Please call 248.524.3567 for details.

Admission Fee for the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center

Beginning July 1, 2009, the Nature Center implemented a \$1 per person daily admission fee. This fee is collected when a patron accesses the nature center building or the trails. This fee is not collected when registering, attending, or volunteering for a program or shopping at Cattail Cove Giftshop. An Annual Pass for a family or an individual can be purchased using the form below. It can be mailed or dropped off at the Nature Center. The Nature Center staff appreciates your support for our educational programming and the Nature Center facility.

Annual Pass: (Valid from date of purchase through June 30, 2010)

\$10/Individual

\$25/Family (Immediate family members only)

An Annual Pass entitles the bearer to:

- Free admission to the nature center
- A special member's only event
- A 20% discount at Mistletoe and Moonlight
- Use of Nature Center trails
- Free Admission to select Nature Centers

Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center Annual Pass

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email address: _____

I would like to purchase:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Pass	@ \$10	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Pass	@ \$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional donation	@ _____	\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

Please mail this form (with payment) to or drop off at:
Stage Nature Center, 6685 Coolidge Hwy, Troy, MI 48098

Checks made payable to: City of Troy-SNC

Yoga, Naturally

Janice Bahura will train you in the basics of Hatha Yoga, emphasizing postures found in nature. These 10 classes are for any level of student. Wear comfortable attire and bring a yoga mat.

Participants must be registered prior to class time.

Location: Stage Nature Center **Day:** Sunday

Activity	Ages	Dates	Time	Fee	Res Disc
317329A	12-Adult	Dec 13-Feb 14	1-2 pm	\$105	\$100



Deer Santa

We all know Santa's reindeer (on Dasher, and Dancer...) are very famous and help him every year, but do you know about the deer that live in Troy? Come out and discover all about our local deer on our special "Reindeer Trail" outside at the Stage Nature Center.

Inside, join Santa Claus as he tells a few tales about his reindeer and life at the North Pole. Everyone will get a chance to talk with Santa personally, and receive a small gift from him as well. Parents and grandparents are welcome to bring their own cameras and take pictures of their little ones with the jolly old elf.

Children will also enjoy some cookies and juice, and make a seasonal craft. Please dress for the weather as part of this program occurs outside. Each child participating in the program must be registered. Parents and/or grandparents are free and need to remain with the child.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity	Ages	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
347042A	3-8	Sat, Dec 12	9-11 am	\$14	\$12
347042B	3-8	Sat, Dec 12	1-3 pm	\$14	\$12



Geocaching for Beginners

A Winter Treasure Hunt

Geocaching, also called hi-tech outdoor treasure hunting, awaits you at the Stage Nature Center! This program will begin in the classroom where you will learn all about the basics of geocaching and using GPS units to find caches. Afterwards, use your new found skills as you venture outside and navigate your way to caches hidden amongst the Nature Center trails.

Be sure to bring your own GPS unit to the program (car models and cell phones with GPS navigation will work). Individuals who do not own units are still welcome to attend the program and cache along with the instructor! Please dress for the weather (boots are recommended) and bring a small toy or trinket to swap in each of the geocaches. Use this opportunity to search for "treasures" hidden in our serene winter wonderland!

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity	Ages	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
347150A	8-adult	Sun, Dec 13	1-3 pm	\$12	\$10



3-D Holiday House Card

Celebrate this holiday season with a card made with all recycled materials! The card will be 3-D with a pop-up house complete with a winter scene and glistening snow. There will even be a spot to put a special holiday photo! All materials will be provided including an envelope.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity	Ages	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
347250A	8-12	Sat, Dec 19	10 am-noon	\$12	\$10

Little Acorns

Come grow with us in nature! Explore the sights, smells, and sounds of winter and allow nature to awaken your child's senses through various activities in the out-of-doors. Dress for the weather as this program

takes place outdoors. Please bring children in backpacks, strollers with large wheels, or sleds for snow! The adult partner is free and must accompany the child throughout the program.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Activity	Ages	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
317051A	1-3	Thu, Jan 28	10-11am	\$6	\$4
317051B	3-4	Thu, Jan 28	1-2 pm	\$6	\$4



Calling all vendors for the Flea Market at the Troy Farm

Saturday, August 7, 2010

Enjoy the many craft, antique, and specialty food vendors. Make sure to mark your calendars, and come join us for this fun-filled day of thrift and frivolity!

If you reserve your space before April 30th you will receive a free 6 foot table rental with your space. (Limited amount of tables, on a first come basis.) Rental space size is 10 x 10 feet for both inside and outside. Rain date: Sat, Aug 14. Sorry there are no refunds for inclement weather. Call the Nature Center for more details at 248.524.3567.

Location: Troy Farm

Act #	Space	Time	Fee
337901A	Inside with electric	9 am-1pm	\$35
337901B	Outside under tent	9 am-1pm	\$30
337901C	Outside open grass	9 am-1pm	\$25

Scout It Out!

Calling all Webelos, Bears, Juniors, and Brownie Scouts! Come complete your nature-related badge or try-it with our help! All requirements are met; however we cannot furnish the badge or take try-it itself. Register as an individual scout, den, pack or troop. Please dress for the weather, part of the program will be outside. Leaders or chaperones are free and need to remain with their scouts at all times. No refunds or transfers for these programs.

While we don't offer a SIO for Tiger and Wolf scouts currently, please call and we can book your group as a field trip for a guided adventure at our Nature Center!

Location: Stage Nature Center

Fee: \$10

Webelos-Geology

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
347205A	Webelos	Sat	9-11 am	Dec 5
347205B	Webelos	Sat	12-2 pm	Dec 5

Juniors-Rocks Rock

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
317217A	Juniors	Sat	9-11 am	Jan 23
317217B	Juniors	Sat	12-2 pm	Jan 23

Bears-Achievement 5: Sharing Your World with Wildlife

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
317204A	Bear Cubs	Sat	9-11 am	Feb 6
317204B	Bear Cubs	Sat	12-2 pm	Feb 6

Brownies-Watching Wildlife

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
327213A	Brownies	Sat	9-11 am	Apr 24
327213B	Brownies	Sat	12-2 pm	Apr 24

Webelos-Naturalist

Activity	Age	Day	Time	Date
327211A	Webelos	Sat	9-11 am	May 1
327211B	Webelos	Sat	12-2 pm	May 1



Junior Naturalist Club

There are still some openings in our popular year-long Junior Naturalist Club for ages 4 through 5th grade. It is held on the second or third Saturday each month between September and July. Activities include: crafts, hikes outside, hands-on activities and more! It is already underway, but it is not too late to join. Great natural fun for your child!

**Call the SNC at 248.524.3567
for more details!**



Winterfest at the Troy Farm

Come to the Troy Farm and celebrate winter with us! Bring your sled for a trip down the snowy hill. Play "Winter Olympics" games and get creative with snow sculptures. Enjoy hot chocolate and a campfire for warming up outside, and indoors make children's crafts like snow goggles and snowflake models. Short winter hikes will be offered. The program will take place with or without snow – alternate "no snow" activities will be offered. This is a family program – each person must enroll and pay the fee.

Location: Troy Farm

Act #	Age	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
317501A	3-Adult	Sat, Jan 30	10-11:30 am	\$9	\$7



Secrets of Scat?

Explore the winter hiding places of animals during an investigative hike. We will examine animal scat and students will even make their own edible snack scat! Other activities include an interactive bio-fact presentation and a tracking game. Participants should bring a white t-shirt for an animal track painting craft.

Location: Stage Nature Center

Act #	Age	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
317401A	6-9 yrs	Sun, Jan 24	2:30-4 pm	\$9	\$7

Adopt-a-Nature Center Critter

Adopt a critter as a family, individual, scout group, classroom, or as a gift and you will help pay for food and care for your critter for a whole year! With the adoption of your critter of choice, you will receive a photo, biography, certificate, and a painting made by the animal you adopted-a real piece of animal artwork! Applications available at the SNC.

Fee: \$150/yr (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010)

Nature Escape Valentine's Night out!

Plan your valentine night out by sending your kids to Nature Escape! We will enjoy our sack dinners with other predators of the wild. Afterwards, there will be games and crafts to help the kids fill in the food chain. Don't forget to bundle up for our night hike, where the kids will help us call animals of the night! Each child needs to bring a sack dinner; drinks are provided. Sign-up early; this program fills fast!

Location: Stage Nature Center

Act #	Age	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
317010A	4-5	Fri, Feb 12	6-9 pm	\$18	\$16
317010B	6-8	Fri, Feb 12	6-9 pm	\$18	\$16

Kids: Celebrate Your Birthday

...at the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center! Our birthday parties are a special way to celebrate your youngster's special day.

These two-hour parties include a naturalist-led talk, live animal demo, nature activity, hike, decorations, invitations, and a gift for each party participant.

Children ages 4-7 can choose from:

- Making Sense of Nature
- Furs, Feathers and Fins

Children ages 8-12 can choose from:

- Secrets of the Forest
- The Rap on Raptors (Birds of Prey)
- Wildlife Trackers

Cost is \$132 for up to 12 children, with \$11 for each additional child up to a maximum of 18.

**Call us at 248.524.3567 for more details
or to book your party!**

13th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count

On February 12th-15th join thousands of people throughout the U.S. and Canada counting birds from their backyards, local parks and nature centers. Your list, short or long, will help scientists at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology understand more about the distribution and abundance of birds. Get more information at www.birdcount.org or stop by the SNC. Start feeding the birds in your backyard by purchasing a new birdfeeder, made from recycled plastic, from Cattail Cove Gift Shop! Bird feeding is a great way to start the day, brighten up a gloomy winter, and relieve stress, while helping wild birds get through their toughest time of the year.

New

An African Safari Experience

Wonder what it's like growing up in Africa? Come listen to true stories from Detroit Zoo's Education Specialist David Gakure about life in rural Africa. Listen to the true tales of growing up and rising to be one of the finest naturalists and safari guides in East Africa. You'll hear stories and facts about hippos, lions, gorillas, animal adaptations, and much more! David will bring several African mammal biofacts from the Zoo's great collection like, elephant tooth, rhino horn, skulls, and skins/hides!

Location: Stage Nature Center

Act #	Age	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
317601A	3-Adult	Sat, Feb 27	10-11am	\$6	\$4

EGGcitement at the Farm

Sponsored by
Whole Foods Market



What better place to find eggs than at the Troy Farm? The kids will EGGsplore the Troy Farm, finding activities in every barn! Outside, the kids can test their skills with the ever-so famous spoon-EGG races. Let your child's imagination wander at the art station with coloring and crafts. Finally, we will end the afternoon adventures with an Easter EGG Scramble & Hunt, where every child will find a candy surprise! Reserve your spot fast for your only chance to meet the Easter Bunny and his furry friends!

Please dress for the weather, as this program is outdoors. The adult partner is free and must accompany the child through the program.

Location: Troy Farm

Act #	Age	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
327265A	3-12	Sun, Mar 28	12:30-1:30 pm	\$12	\$10
327265B	3-12	Sun, Mar 28	2-3 pm	\$12	\$10
327265C	3-12	Sun, Mar 28	3:30-4:30 pm	\$12	\$10

New

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt

Why should the kids have all the fun? Come and enjoy an egg hunt for adults only! The challenge lies in finding the eggs in the dark! Bring your own flashlight and rummage around for eggs that contain awesome prizes - such as dinner for two at Noodles, T.G.I. Fridays gift certificates, a Starbucks gift basket, Whole Foods Market and many others.

Location: Troy Farm

Act #	Age	Date	Time	Fee	Res Disc
327275A	16-adult	Thur, April 1	8-9 pm	\$12	\$10



Maple Syrup Time

You'll know winter is coming to an end when you hear maple sap dripping into buckets at the Stage Nature Center! Each year, warming days and freezing nights in March start the flow of sap in the trees.

Our program starts with a short introduction to maple syruping indoors, and then we'll hike the trails to see how sap is collected. Afterwards, we'll stop in the sugar shed and see the wood-stoked sap evaporator in action. The tour finishes with syrup tasting over warm mini-pancakes!

Please note: March 6 and March 13 are for individuals and family sign ups only, no scout groups please. March 20 is for scout groups and their leaders only.

Register by calling the SNC at 248.524.3567. Programs start every half hour between 9 am and 3:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome on the day of the program on a space available basis only. Fees are paid at the door.

Location: Stage Nature Center **Fee:** \$5 at the door

Age	Day	Date	Time
4-Adult	Sat	Mar 6	9 am-3:30 pm
4-Adult	Sat	Mar 13	9 am-3:30 pm
Scouts	Sat	Mar 20	9 am-3:30 pm



Maple Syrup Rent-A-Tap Program

We are offering you a unique opportunity to join in the syrup season and help support the Stage Nature Center by renting a maple tap in the SNC's sugar bush.

Our Rent-A-Tap packages will be boxed, attractively wrapped, and available for pick up at the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center starting on March 6, 2010. For an additional cost Rent-A-Tap can now be shipped throughout the United States (see form for rates). For Alaska and Hawaii shipping rates, call SNC for details.

For only \$39.95 we will stuff your maple syrup box chock full of the following goodies:

- One pint of pure maple syrup
- 9 pieces of maple sugar candy
- Spile used to tap the maple tree
- A "lease certificate"
- SNC's Sugar Bush News
- Plus several other bonus items

If you are renting a tap for your class, scout group, or large family, consider supersizing it for an additional \$15. (\$54.95 total) and you will receive everything listed for the regular Rent-A-Tap, plus:

- An additional pint of maple syrup
- An additional 6 pieces of maple sugar candy

Both Rent-A-Tap sizes include a reservation for the Maple Syrup Time tour for up to 4 people free (a \$20. value!) Tours last approximately 1.5 hours. **Maple Rent-A-Tap leases must be received by January 8, 2010.**

Maple Rent-A-Tap Form

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (10 digit): _____

Please check here if this is a gift: _____

We'll send you an official SNC Rent-A-Tap gift certificate.

Gift Recipients's Name: _____

Maple Syrup Time reservation for (4 person max.):

Name: _____ # in Group: _____

Please circle the appropriate date for your group:

Individuals and Families: March 6 or March 13, 2010

Scout Groups: March 20, 2010

Choose a time for your tour (all times apply to all dates):

9 am	()	9:30 am	()
10 am	()	10:30 am	()
11 am	()	11:30 am	()
12 pm	()	12:30 pm	()
1 pm	()	1:30 pm	()
2 pm	()	2:30 pm	()
3 pm	()	3:30 pm	()

Space is guaranteed if reservations are made prior to 2/1/10.

_____ Regular Rent-A-Tap @ \$39.95 = _____

_____ Supersize Rent-A-Tap @ \$54.95 = _____

If you would like your R-A-T shipped (excludes insurance)

_____ Regular Rent-A-Tap shipping \$14. = _____

_____ Supersize Rent-A-Tap shipping \$17. = _____

Ship To Address: _____

Please make checks payable to the **City of Troy - SNC**. Send completed order form and check (*do not send cash!*) to:

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